

TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.

Rat Portage is to have a new theatre.

Manitoba grand lodge, I. O. O. F., is in session.

Ottawa public accounts show a surplus of \$240,000.

Deaths from Indian plague show no diminution.

Ottawa legislature voted \$6,000 to the India famine fund.

The recent fire in the parliament buildings is being investigated.

The office of deputy commissioner of patents is to be abolished.

Elections will be held in Champlain and Bonaventure on March 2nd and 9th.

Senator Chandler introduced a bi-metallic resolution in the United States senate.

A bill will be introduced in the Ontario legislature for the protection of immigrant children.

It is rumored that all unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba will be ceded to the province.

Lord Aberdeen has received a dispatch from Calcutta thanking Canadians for aid to famine sufferers.

Reported that a readjustment of accounts between Manitoba and the Dominion will give the province some \$600,000.

It is reported that the C. P. R. have made the government a definite offer to build the Crow's Nest Pass road.

La Minerve announces the forthcoming publication of a collective mandement and papal bull on the school question.

Members of the United States Behring Sea commission acknowledge that the seizures of British vessels were illegal.

The United States senate has passed an immigration bill including the Corliss amendment directed against Canadians.

Under new regulations the provincial governments will have to pay postage on a large class of mail matter which was free formerly.

Appeals in the Winnipeg, Macdonald and Marquette election petitions were argued before the supreme court. Judgment reserved.

Graham, liberal patron candidate in North Ontario, was declared elected by seven-eighths on a recount by Judge Darnell, who ignored an injunction issued to stay the proceedings.

Greek troops have landed at Platanias, near Cana, Crete. Greece is now practically in possession of the island of Crete. The powers have notified Greece to evacuate Crete within forty-eight hours. Greek troops have attacked and captured two Cretan towns.

TO-DAY'S TRAIN.

One way car, one car groceries for the H. B. Co., four cars coal for C. P. R.

LOCAL.

TRAIN left Calgary on time.

THE Imperial bank is to open a branch at Revelstoke.

T. W. LINES was registered at Revelstoke on Feb. 9th.

OLD Timers' ball on Friday night in Roberson hall. Tickets \$1.50.

S. S. TAYLOR, Q. C., left for Nelson, B. C., on Tuesday's train. Mrs. Taylor will not go for some weeks yet.

An entertainment in aid of funds for a new organ for Christ church, Poplar Lake, will be held in the school house on Friday, Feb. 26th, at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Geo. W. Greene, of Red Deer, died on Feb. 12th after a short illness, of pneumonia. She was only 30 years of age and leaves three small children to mourn her loss.

THURSDAY evening in the Salvation army barracks there will be an "auction sale of children." This meeting will be led by Capt. Broadbelt, others taking part. Admission 10 cents.

WHEAT is being hauled from Red Deer to Benz's mill at the Big Stone six miles north of Wetaskiwin a distance of about sixty-five miles. Red Deer is a promising location for a saw and grist mill.

THE Rev. J. Dyke, B. D., has been requested to preach several sermons on subjects touching every day life. The first of this series will occur next Sunday evening on the subject, "Notions and phases of modern life."

A JEWISH Rabbi arrived from Winnipeg last week to perform the Jewish rite of circumcision upon the infant son of Abraham Cristall of the firm of Sigler & Cristall, merchants. The Rabbi returned to Winnipeg on Tuesday's train.

Prince Albert Advocate: "As R. B. Hearn, manager of the Imperial bank here, accompanied by Mrs. Hearn, left on Thursday's train for a visit to Winnipeg. They will be gone about two weeks." Mr. Hearn was at one time accountant in the Edmonton branch of the Imperial.

THE BULLETIN is indebted to the kindness of John Cameron late of Edmonton and now of Sandon, B. C., for copies of the Paymaster, the Sandon newspaper, and of the Slovan City News of that place. The News advises laboring men to keep away from the Sleean district until April 1st, after which time there will be plenty of employment in the mines.

MRS. PAUL KOPESKI, a Ruthenian woman, arrived at South Edmonton from Russia last fall. Her husband had left her some months before and wrote to her from British Columbia to come to Edmonton and he would meet her here. Since arriving she has heard nothing of him. This item is published in the hope that the British Columbia papers may repeat it so that the information as to his wife's whereabouts may reach Mr. Kopeski. She is anxious to hear from him, as she has two children to support.

J. FLYNN arrived from the Landing on Tuesday accompanied by Geo. Gallion. D. Cadzow, trader, left the Landing for Pelican rapids on Saturday, and Mr. Brick left the same day for Peace river. Brick's dog trains which came down from Peace river to the Landing met the Peace river mail in charge of Fred Rowland within twelve miles of Slave lake, making good time. A letter received at the Landing from H. J. Fraser and A. Rowland who are trapping at House river on the Athabasca reports that they are doing well. Jack Graham, formerly of Edmonton, is now freighting at Slave lake. Fish from Baptiste lake are plentiful at the Landing.

FOR SALES: Small lots to W. B. Sten-

nett, \$85; Lots from B. C., to R. Secord, \$50.

NOEL DELORME was brought in from Lake St. Ann on Tuesday having been committed for trial on a charge of having stolen money from Pierre Grey. He was released on \$400 bail.

DURING the last month forty-two patients, 24 males and 18 females, were treated in the Edmonton general hospital. Dr. Braithwaite, assisted by Dr. Harrison, is the attending physician for the month.

THE Church Evangelist publishes the following item: "Bylenham—The Rev. Alfred Stenden, B. A., Trinity College, Toronto, has been appointed to this mission in succession to Rev. Wm. Bate, who is leaving for the diocese of Fredericton. Mr. Stenden, who is to take charge on Feb. 1st, comes from the diocese of Calgary, resigning the parish of Edmonton. Mr. Stenden was ordained deacon by the archbishop of Ontario and priest by the archbishop of Rupert's Land, and spent three years in the diocese of Salisbury, England."

POLICE COURT.

At Stony Plain before Insp. Snyder and C. de Cazes, J. P.'s, John Foley, senior, charged with having sold liquor to Indians, was sentenced to two months imprisonment without hard labor.

At the same time and place Baptiste Godin, an Indian, was sentenced to two weeks imprisonment for stealing hay on the Indian reserve at lake St. Anne.

Both prisoners were remanded to Fort Saskatchewan.

CURLING.

Hardisty cup bonspiel.

Shera—McKay.

Ryder—Caldar.

Emery—Osborne.

Lauder—Taylor.

Doubles for patroness prize.

McDonald—Osborne.

McQueen—Raymer.

TUESDAY'S SHIPMENTS.

1 car coal to Calgary.

2 way cars.

CALGARY CURLERS.

Calgary, Feb. 18.

Messrs. Parslow, Trimble, Stedman, McNeill, Adams, McDonald, Leeson and Richard left for Edmonton this morning to take part in the bonspiel.

CURLING.

Arrangements for the bonspiel, which will take place at Edmonton, will be finally completed this afternoon at a meeting of the board of management to be held in W. Johnstone Walker's store at 4 o'clock.

A visitors' match will be held probably to-morrow, for which the Edmonton club offers four gold nugget pins, as a first prize for the best two out of three.

On Saturday a grand challenge match will be played, the two Calgary rinks and four Edmonton rinks taking part, the latter skipped respectively by Messrs. T. G. Lauder, Jas. McDonald, E. C. Emery and A. Taylor. There will be a first and second prize in this match, which will be arranged at the meeting this afternoon.

On Monday there will probably be a points competition open to all visiting curlers and members of the Edmonton club.

TO FARMERS.

EDITOR BULLETIN.

A number of us from Stony Plain, west end, have been down to the Fort Saskatchewan roller mill with gristing, and are all well satisfied with returns in every respect. Go to the Fort mill gentlemen.

S. K. LARSON, O. MICKELSON, J. KENDALL, P. M. EVIDEN.

Stony Plain, Feb. 16.

Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, solicitor-general in the Laurier government, is on his way back to Canada from Rome. He has nothing to say about the attitude of the Pope towards the school settlement and says: "The Canadian government has really no negotiations on foot with the Papal authorities."

Notice is given by advertisement in the Prince Albert Advocate that a petition has been presented under "The Dominion Controversial Elections Act" against the return of Thomas Osborne Davis, esquire, as member of the parliament of Canada for the electoral district of Saskatchewan. Signed by S. McLeod, returning officer.

The burning of a part of the departmental buildings at Ottawa on Feb. 11th and 12th is a very serious affair and no doubt will seriously injure the progress of the public business. It appears that the appliances for fighting fire were in such condition as to be absolutely ineffective. The hydrants were frozen and the hose rotten, so that it would not carry water, and the Ottawa fire brigade ineffective. A part of the Montreal brigade was brought up by train. The fire is supposed to have been caused by smoking. The loss is about \$250,000.

Free Press: The executive of the Macdonald liberal association has passed a resolution expressing the highest respect for Mr. Joseph Martin, but endorsing Mr. Rutherford as the liberal candidate for the constituency in the event of the riding being opened. Friends of Mr. Martin have been circulating a requisition asking that gentlemen to accept the nomination, and the resolution referred to indicates that the action has not the sanction of the liberal party as represented by the organized association.

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L O S T

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Entertainment.

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EDMONTON BULLETIN, FEBRUARY 18th, 1897

ELECTION ACCOUNTS.

The deputy returning officers, enumerators and poll clerks employed in this district during the late election received by last mail a circular letter from returning officer Guin, of Calgary, informing them that cheques to a certain amount were in his hands for payment to them. In the case of most of the deputy returning officers and poll clerks this amount was fifty per cent of the bill presented to and allowed by the government, but in the case of the enumerators it appeared that the original accounts had been cut down greatly in many cases, and that then only half the amount allowed was forthcoming. As the case in one or more of its aspects may yet claim the attention of the courts, it would be injudicious to more than state the position in a general way for the information of the public.

When the election of June 23rd was announced Geo. Guin, of Calgary, was appointed returning officer. As such he was obliged to appoint enumerators and deputy returning officers throughout the electoral district. The question of the scale of payment of these officials at once arose, as those employed in the former election had been compelled to sue for their money. A fixed tariff was provided covering the cases of the deputy returning officers and poll clerks, which was accepted as satisfactory, and under this tariff the allowances to the deputies and clerks have been made. The tariff for enumerators was based on a rate per name taken and mile travelled. This was not satisfactory, as the scattered nature of the settlements would not allow of wages being made under that tariff in many cases. The returning officer telegraphed the auditor-general several times asking for an amended tariff, and was repeatedly told that the tariff sent must govern. At last, however, as election day approached and the enumerators threatened a strike if a more reasonable tariff were not granted, Mr. Guin was informed that the tariff of the preceding election would be allowed. The enumerators then sent in their bills to the returning officer charging \$10 a day for their services and expenses, the number of days varying with the amount of work required to be performed. The auditor-general, under whose control the financial end of the elections was carried on, concluded that the total account rendered for the Alberta election, \$13,000, was too much. First he decided that the charge of \$10 a day should only have been \$7 a day, that being his interpretation of the tariff of the preceding election, and second he believed that the number of days charged for was in some cases excessive. After a great deal of delay he finally appointed E. W. Burley, of Calgary, to investigate the merits of the several accounts, by collecting information on the ground from the parties concerned and others. In the meantime the auditor-general had advanced several thousand dollars to the returning officer to be paid out on account.

When Mr. Burley's report had been received it would appear that the auditor-general saw fit to reduce the enumerators' and other accounts so as to bring the total cost of the election down to about \$7,000. He then charged up to Mr. Guin the sums advanced to him, and divided the balance in hand amongst the several claimants, the balance amounting to about 50 per cent of the claims as finally allowed, supposedly on the expectation that the other 50 per cent had already been discharged by the returning officer from the money advanced to him. But the returning officer had not distributed the advances amongst the several claimants on a percentage basis. He had discharged in full or in large part some of the claims which he considered most pressing, expecting to discharge the others in full when the money came. But the sweeping reduction that has been made was not allowed for in his calculation, consequently, unless those to whom he made the payments will return to him the difference between the amount

paid them and the less amount actually allowed by the auditor-general, he is not in a position to pay the 50 per cent still outstanding on the unsettled claims as allowed by the auditor-general.

The government has paid all that it admits it owes on account of the election. But, 1st, many of its employees claim that it owes much more than it has allowed them, and 2nd many of its employees say that until they receive all that the government itself admits they are entitled to they will hold the government responsible for the balance due, and refuse to recognize the responsibility of the returning officer in the matter. The returning officer was not their employer, but only the agent of their employer, and they look to the principal, not to the agent for payment.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual general meeting of the Edmonton board of trade was held in the council chamber on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16th. There was a fair attendance of members. The president, G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, presided. The first business was the reading of the annual report of the council by Geo. W. Gairdner. This report was very lengthy, and covered a great deal of ground. It will be published in full in succeeding issues of the BULLETIN.

Messrs. Garipey and Ross moved that the report be adopted and printed for distribution.

G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, the retiring president, then read the following address:

To the members of the Edmonton Board of Trade.
GENTLEMEN:—I think I am not taking a too sanguine view of affairs, when I say that the prospects at the present time are much brighter than they have been in the past. The beginning of the past year was one of considerable anxiety to all business men in this district; the farmers were holding a large quantity of grain which they could not dispose of; buyers had large stocks, which they could not find a market for; freight rates were so high, it was next to impossible to ship produce out; but the untiring efforts of the board have caused the C. P. R. to grant us very reasonable rates, which I hope will bring increased business to them, as well as to the business men here, and largely increased prices to the farmer.

A new flour mill has been built at Fort Saskatchewan, which is a great benefit to that district, as well as to the district generally. Other industries will follow in the near future.

The development of the Kootenay country has given us a market for our produce, the effects of which can be noticeably felt already, and with the further development of that district, should bring largely increased population to this district.

As an evidence of the improved condition of affairs, I am informed on good authority, that the receipts at the railway station increased nearly \$50,000 last year.

The council have such an elaborate report, to submit to you, that it is not my intention to address you at length.

Before retiring from the chair, I must thank the members of the council and the board generally for their co-operation during the past year. I have especially to thank the secretary, to whom I consider the board owes much for the manner in which he has performed his duties.

I must urge on all the members to stand by the board and do all in their power to increase the membership. I think it the duty of every business man in the district to join, and if not by actual work, to assist the board in a general way for the good of this district.

The president's address was received and ordered to be printed for distribution with the report of the council. Also the treasurer's report when completed.

The election of officers resulted in the election by acclamation of Isaac Cowie, president; J. H. Picard, vice-president; Geo. W. Gairdner, secretary; J. T. Blowey, treasurer; Messrs. Lines, Graydon, Garipey, Gallagher, Kinnaird, Henry, Bellamy and Walker, councillors. The officers and councillors constitute the board of arbitration.

The newly elected president, Mr. Cowie, gave a short address expressing appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and his desire to do everything in his power to forward the business interests of the place. A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the action of the postal department in sending special mails into the far north, and asking for a permanent quarterly service to Chippewyan and a weekly service to the Landing.

Messrs. McDougall, Garipey, Picard and Gallagher were appointed a committee on cold storage.

A letter from W. Whyte, superintendent of the western division of the C. P. R., was read in which he indicated the probability of a train service three times a week on the C. & E. during the coming summer.

The president, vice-president and secretary were appointed a committee to draft a letter of thanks to Supt. Whyte in acknowledgment of the recent reduction in freight rates.

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring president, vice-president and other retiring officers and councillors for their services during the past year.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick and McDougall replied shortly.

A vote of thanks was given Frank Oliver, M. P., for his endeavors to meet the wishes of the board.

Mr. Oliver replied and suggested a resolution asking that the Landing trail from the Sturgeon river to the Landing be surveyed. A resolution to this effect was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Feb. 13th, '97.

COMMUNICATIONS.

R. Hockley, re officers E. F. B.
A. S. Craik, flour mill.
St. Geo. Jellett, re school audit.

Brackman & Ker, re flour mill, filed.

N. D. Beck, re assessment appeal, filed.

N. D. Beck, agreement, filed.

St. Geo. Jellett, re electric light taxes.

H. L. McInnis, M. D., re infectious diseases.

Garipey—Hourston. That an order for \$85.60 be issued in favor of N. D. Beck for taxed costs in proceedings taken by Mr. S. S. Taylor to quash resolution of the council of 1895 confirming the action of the court of revision in the reduction of the whole assessment by 20 per cent.

McLeod—Jackson. That communication from A. S. Craik be answered in the same manner as other communications of like character.

McLeod—Hourston. That communication from Electric Light Co. re rebate taxes of 1896 be referred to finance committee for report.

Garipey—McLeod. That communication from Dr. H. L. McInnis be referred to health and relief committee for consideration and report.

Jackson—Gallagher. That the appointment of T. G. Lauder as chief, J. Kelly, as assistant chief, and R. Hockley, as secretary-treasurer, of the Edmonton fire brigade be approved.

McLeod—Garipey. That the treasurer's report for the month of January be received and filed after examination by the chairman of finance committee.

Fraser—Hourston. That the auditor's report for the month of December be received and adopted.

Fraser—Garipey. That report of medical health officer be received and filed.

Jackson—McLeod. That report of constable re tanks be received and referred to the fire water and light committee for consideration and report.

The fire, water and light committee reported that the tanks had been attended to and that most of them were now full.

Gallagher—Garipey. That report of license committee be received and adopted.

Hourston—Garipey. That report of finance committee be received and adopted.

McLeod—Fraser. That A. McNicol be appointed auditor for the municipality at a remuneration of \$5 per month and that he be required to make out annual statement for 1896, a monthly audit of the accounts of the municipality, and a quarterly detailed statement, and that he be further notified that he is required to audit the school account for the year 1897 at a fee of \$10 to be paid by the Edmonton Protestant public school district.

Gallagher—Garipey. That rules 45 to 50 be suspended for the purpose of introducing by-law No 131, being a by-law to amend by-law No. 12, and that the same be read three times at this meeting of the council. By-law carried.

Gallagher—McLeod. That H. Round be appointed pound keeper and that an agreement and bonds be drawn up under the direction of the license committee and duly signed.

Garipey—Fraser. That the fire brigade band instruments be left in the hall for inspection by the council at the next regular meeting.

Jackson—Fraser. That the board of works committee be requested to wait on M. McCauley, M. L. A., asking for a grant from the legislative assembly for the improvement of the road from the lower ferry on the south side of the river.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that at the next ensuing session of the Dominion Parliament application will be made for the renewal of the charter of the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Co., Chap. 75, 24 and 25 Vic., and for a revision of its Board of Directors; also for an amendment thereto giving the right to construct a branch line from at or near Saskatoon easterly via Humboldt, Quill Lake, to Shellmouth, Man., thence to Brandon, also westerly from the same point of starting, via Battleford, Fort Saskatchewan, to and through the Yellowhead Pass, thence to Burrard or Bute Inlet, B. C.; and also northwesterly from the same point crossing the North Saskatchewan river to Green Lake, thence via Beaver river valley to the Oil Fields of Athabasca.

Geo. W. GRANT, Secretary.
Toronto, Jan. 26th, 1897.

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CLBS.

The second meeting of the series held by Prof. Robertson, took place Walker's hall, Olds, on Monday afternoon, Feb. 8th. Before the meeting Prof. Robertson and Mr. Oliver were driven to the Olds creamery, which was operated last season as a private enterprise. The building is situated about three quarters of a mile from town. It is of logs, and is neat and clean. Its apparatus consists of a churn worked by horse power and a hand butter worker. It has no separator. Deep set cream was gathered from patrons at the expense of the creamery, and the patrons were paid by cheque at the end of every month 10c a pound for the butter made. The cream from the milk of about 175 cows was sent to this creamery. The butter was the property of the creamery proprietor. As he was not obliged to sell on a low market, the fall rise in the price of butter made during the summer allowed the creamery to pay all expenses and a small interest on the investment. Had the proprietor been compelled to pay the patrons out of sales of the butter from month to month he would have lost money and they would not have made as much as they actually received. The meeting in the hall was largely attended. Dr. Kay, president, Prof. Robertson delivered a most interesting address on much the same lines as in Calgary. As the proprietors of the creamery desired to operate it on their own responsibility during the coming season, and as the people were satisfied that they should do so, the professor said that the government would be glad to extend any assistance desired in the way of advice, inspection or storage of butter, but would not otherwise interfere.

Several of the farmers present spoke strongly on the subject of government aid for the purchase of cows as the best means of aiding the prosperity and settlement of the district. Prof. Robertson agreed with the views expressed as to the advantage such aid would be, but could not hold out any hope of any part of the present available parliamentary vote being used for the purpose. Mr. Oliver suggested that an advance might be made to the creamery proprietors of the same amount as would be necessary for the establishment of a new creamery to be used for the purchase of cows for patrons of the creamery, the price to be repaid from the cream supplied to the creamery. A committee of five was elected to confer further with the department of agriculture on this subject.

INNISFAIR.

The third meeting of the series was held on Tuesday forenoon, Feb. 10th, at 10 o'clock, in Archer's hall. Mr. Curry, merchant, presided. Prof. Robertson delivered an address on similar lines to those previously given, but added a statement of the financial position of the Innisfair dairy and stock company, which had been given him by the managing directors. The company had a creamery and cheese making establishment at Innisfair which had been operated for three years, most successfully as far as making and marketing the butter was concerned. The creamery was still in operation making winter butter. Although the operations of the company had been successful financially, they had been disastrous to the company, which owed directly on mortgages, judgments and to patrons for cream about \$8,000 besides \$4,000 which had been paid in on stock. The management of the company expressed a willingness to turn over the buildings and plant to the government at a valuation, which from an inventory supplied the professor roughly estimated at \$6,000. The buildings included the central creamery and four or five separating stations. The liabilities included about \$800 for cream, which as in the case of the Crescent creamery was made to rank with a first mortgage of \$1,200 as a preferential claim. A new company was organized to deal with the government for the plant on the new lines, and arrangements were made for the signing of the papers on Prof. Robertson's return.

West of Bowden, between Olds and Innisfair, the White Swan creamery is operated successfully and satisfactorily by a private company on much the same plan as the Olds creamery, except that the proprietors are the principal patrons. This creamery will receive government advice and inspection if desired. No meeting was held in connection with it but one of the proprietors interviewed Prof. Robertson regarding it at Olds.

RED DEER.

The fourth meeting of the series was held at Red Deer on Tuesday afternoon in Burch's hall. There was a good attendance. Rev. C. E. Somerset was chairman. Prof. Robertson again delivered an address on agriculture and dairying, and stated the government's propositions regarding aid to existing creameries. The Red Deer creamery was operated by a company during the seasons of 1894 and 1895, but not having proven a financial success was not operated during 1896. A short time ago it had been purchased by Mr. Trimble, a leading farmer and dairyman of the vicinity, who intended to remove it to his farm at Twin Spruce, a few miles from town, and operate it as a private enterprise. The meeting expressing itself in favor of a creamery under government management, Mr. Trimble arranged to lease the building and plant to the govern-

ment for one or more years, accepting the stipulated rental of 7 per cent on building and 12 per cent on plant, he to remove and fit up the building at his own expense, the government operating it at a straight charge of four cents a pound to the patrons.

LACOMBE.

The fifth meeting of the series was held at Lacombe on Wednesday forenoon in Burris' hall. G. A. Reid, merchant, presiding. There was a good attendance. There had not been any creamery at Lacombe. In '94 and '95 deep set cream was collected and hauled to the Red Deer creamery. In '96 a separator was established in a rented building by the Crescent Creamery Co. A large amount of milk had been supplied, but only a part had been paid for. This had created a great deal of dissatisfaction and threw general discredit on the creamery enterprise. In the discussion as to establishing a new separating station it appeared that the people had found the cost of hauling their milk to the separator too great, and would not organize to establish another separating station. It was finally arranged that Lacombe should supply deep set cream at the railway station, where it would be accepted for the government, if sweet and clean to be made into butter wherever the government agent should choose. The patrons receiving payment for their butter on the same basis as if supplied direct to a creamery, that is an advance of 10c a pound monthly, and the balance at the end of the season, less 4c a pound for making and freight charges.

WETASKIWIN.

The sixth meeting of the series was held at Wetaskiwin on Wednesday afternoon in the dining room of the Driad house. J. H. Walker presided as chairman. There was a good attendance and much interest was manifested. A separating station had been run at Wetaskiwin during the season of 1896, in connection with the Crescent creamery of Calgary, and the experience had been the same as in other places, namely only part of the payment for the cream had been made. The people were of course very much pleased at the prospect of this indebtedness being discharged through the deal with the Crescent Creamery Co. A creamery company had already been organized before Prof. Robertson's arrival, for the purpose of taking advantage of the offer of the government to run a creamery there. A site had been offered by the C. & E. Company and arrangements were made whereby the local association would erect the necessary buildings and provide a well, receiving seven per cent on their investment, while the government would put in a plant and run it for three years according to Prof. Robertson's proposition already stated. The milk of about 600 cows was promised to the creamery.

LEDUC.

A short stop was made at Leduc on Wednesday evening to learn what the experience with a Crescent creamery separator had been during the past season. Messrs. Telford and Jaeger, merchants, were interviewed. The latter had run a hand power separator for the Crescent creamery last season, receiving the milk of some six patrons. Of course there was no money in such a small patronage. The question of putting in a separator in connection with the Edmonton or Wetaskiwin creameries was discussed, but it did not appear certain that sufficient cows could be found within a reasonable radius at present to warrant it. There are a large number of cows in the settlements surrounding Leduc, but at too great a distance to make it profitable to haul the milk to a separating station. It was decided that instead of a separator being placed at Leduc during the coming season deep set or hand separated cream would be accepted at the station on the same principle as at Lacombe, the parties furnishing it receiving the full price realized for their butter, less four cents a pound and transportation charges.

SOUTH EDMONTON.

A meeting was held in Parrish's hall, South Edmonton, on Wednesday evening by special request of the South Edmonton agricultural society, to hear from Prof. Robertson regarding cold storage. There was a good attendance although notice had been very short. Mr. McLean, hardware merchant, occupied the chair. Prof. Robertson dealt at length with cold storage, and the propositions of the government regarding it. He showed by a large chart that the proportion of Britain's imports from Canada in butter, eggs, poultry and dressed meat was very small in comparison with that received from other countries. These were the products of Canada which most required a profitable outlet. This could only be secured by a complete cold storage system such as the government was now endeavoring to establish. The government proposed to aid railway and steamboat companies to provide cold storage warehouses on both sides of the ocean. They could not financially aid general local cold storage schemes at present, but would aid with information, plans, etc. However, they were bonusing creameries to put in cold storage appliances this year. The freight charges on butter, eggs, poultry and dressed beef between Canada and England would not prevent profitable trade provided first class goods could be landed in first class condition on the other side. This was impossible without cold storage, but quite possible with it. He stated the case in regard

to dressed beef as follows: A live steer costs \$30 to ship from Calgary to England. Owing to the excitement of the voyage a large part of the tallow runs off the kidneys, and what remains is discolored. The beef is likely to be bruised with rough usage during the voyage, and the weight has decreased considerably. All the loss—or the chance of loss—thus accruing comes out of the pockets of the producer. The beef of the same steer if killed at Calgary and put in cold storage could be landed in England without loss of weight, or quality for about \$15, and in really better condition for market than when freshly killed inasmuch as it would have "ripened" during the transit. This decrease in freight charges and improvement in quality would directly benefit the Northwest producer to that extent. Hence the anxiety of the government to forward a complete system of cold storage. A company is being formed in South Edmonton to provide a local collecting cold storage warehouse, with whom Prof. Robertson left plans and information.

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